

## Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following paragraphs at Page 6, between line 23 and line 24:

--Figure 4 shows a diagrammatic, perspective view of an apparatus for decorating profiled bars;

Figure 5 shows a detail of the apparatus of Figure 4, in an alternative embodiment in which a reinforcement pad is used.--

Please amend the paragraph at Page 7, between line 3 and line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--As shown in Figure 4, the flexible layer 1 or 1a is  
continuously ~~developing~~ unwound from a coil 20 by means of an  
unwinding device 23. The flexible layer 1 or 1a is then ~~or the~~  
~~like (not shown)~~ is pressed against the section or profiled bar  
6, with the surface carrying the decoration or the glue facing  
the surface of the section to be decorated 6, schematically shown  
~~in cross-section,~~ by means of the shaped rotary nip rollers 7-17.  
As said, such rollers are suitably heated by means of a heating  
device comprising a casing 24 provided with electric resistors.  
The rollers are also ~~and~~ thermostated. The combined action of  
heat and pressure, generated by the nip rollers, possibly helped  
by the action of glue 3, causes the adhesion of the layer

constituted by the decoration or the layers constituted by the decoration coupled with the protecting paint to the surface to be decorated of section 6 which translates longitudinally on a horizontal plane under the suitably shaped rotary nip rollers. The section or profiled bar 6 is advanced on said horizontal plane in an advancement direction H by means of a translating arrangement which may comprise a plurality of rollers 25. The strip from paper, fabric, plastic materials, without the glue, decoration and possible protection paint layers, is then rewound on a second rewinding coil 21 by means of a rewinding device 26, while the coated section goes on to the subsequent step of sublimation and fixing in an air circulation-, IR- or UV oven 22 or the like.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 7, line 21, through Page 8, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--To sum up, the apparatus suitable to realise the decoration step according to this invention comprises:

- a section or profiled bar 6 to be decorated translatable on a plane in the direction H of its longitudinal axis;

- at least a first coil 20 on which there is wound up and from which there unwinds a strip-like flexible support 1 comprising a strip 5 from paper, fabric or plastic materials, a

layer constituted by the decoration 2 to be transferred and possibly a glue layer 3 and/or a transparent protection paint layer 4 or film;

- at least a rotary nip roller 7, elastically complying, shaped according to the profile of the section to be decorated, heated and thermostated, suitably to transfer by heating and/or pressure action, the layer constituted by the decoration and possibly the protecting paint layer on the surface of the section;

- at least a second coil 21 on which the strip from paper, fabric or plastic material is rewound, once the decoration and protection layers have been removed.--

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 5 of Page 8:

--In the embodiment shown in Figure 5, one or more reinforcement pad 27 is used to reinforce weak areas of the section or profiled bar 6 while these areas are decorated.--